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## Outstanding students:

Bogle wins  
competition  
proposal

The National Endowment for the Humanities has selected Lori Bogle as the 1989 NEH Younger Scholar. A sophomore at Missouri Southern, she was selected in a nationwide competition of high school and college students who submitted proposals for independent summer research projects in history, literature, philosophy, foreign languages and other humanities. She will receive \$2,000 to complete her proposed

NEH is an independent federal agency that supports education, research, preservation, and public programs in the humanities.

Bogle, a Cassville resident, is one of 91 high school and 66 college students to win the award. Winners of this year's awards were selected from 724 eligible applicants. She will use the scholarship money to complete her project under the guidance of Patricia Laas, social science instructor at Missouri Southern.

Laas is delighted that Lori received the award. "She is an outstanding student. The award is a real coup for her as well as Missouri Southern," said Laas. "The program 'offers students a unique opportunity for intensive, independent studies in humanities.'

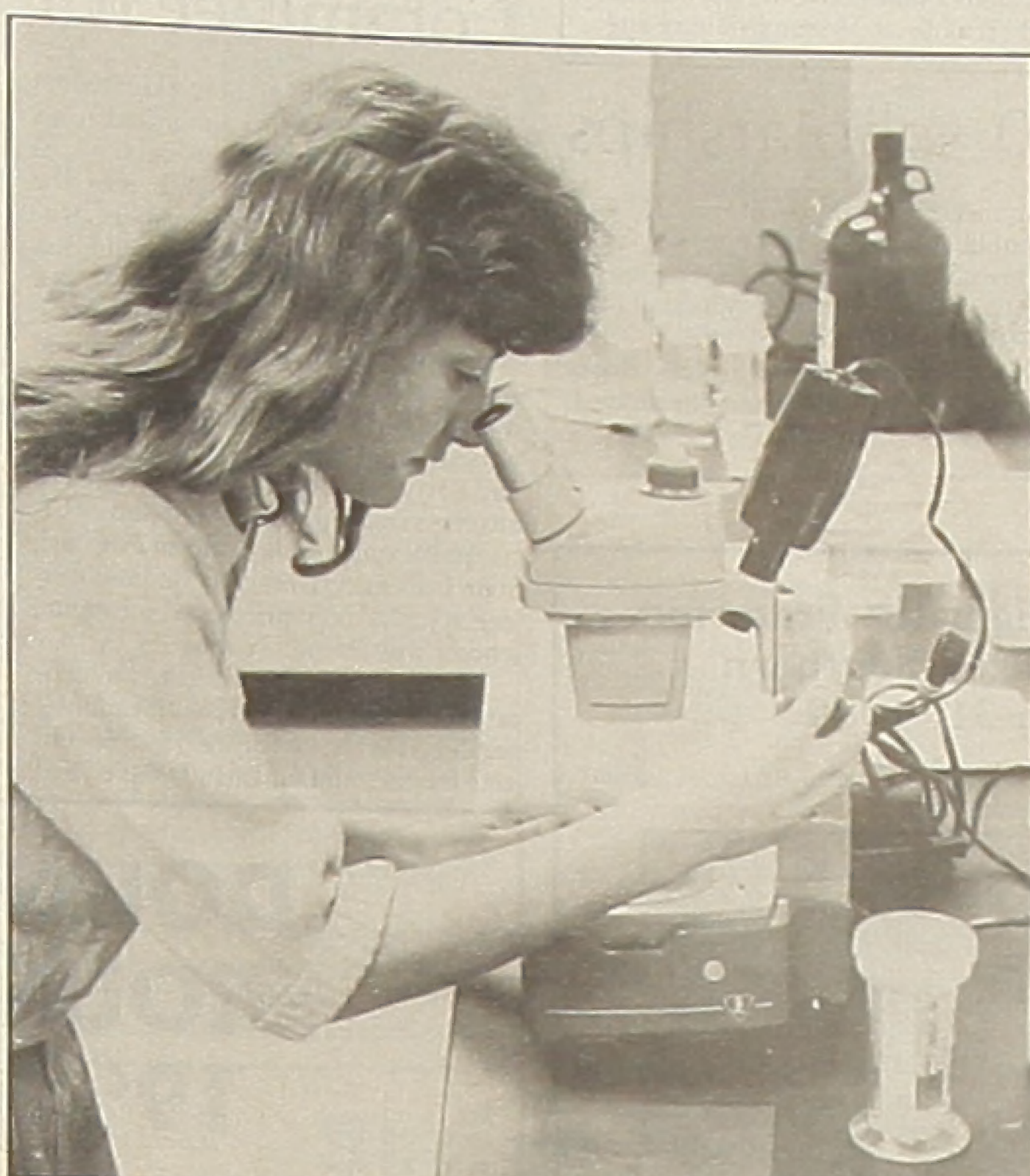
Scholarship recipients will conduct their research projects studying ancient and modern drama, the history of science, and biblical literature.

Bogle will conduct a study titled "Deposition in a Border State Town: Interpreting the Brown v. Board of Education Decision in Joplin, Mo." At the end of the grant period, a substantial research report is to be submitted to the NEH.

Bogle, a Cassville resident, and some people are excited there," said Bogle. "I wanted something that was significant both in area and nationally as well."

Laas has selected an interesting topic," said Laas. "She deserves every pat on the back she gets."

Bogle, "I feel this will be a great experience. I intend to start soon, doing some reading over the weekend of the case."



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### Conducts research

Belinda Baldwin, senior biology major, will present her research at the annual Missouri Academy of Science meeting at Missouri Southern on April 29.

## Baldwin makes discovery Biology major isolates bacteria in cockroaches

BY SARA WOODS  
STAFF WRITER

Through her research with cockroaches, a Missouri Southern student has made a major discovery. Belinda Baldwin, a senior biology major, has isolated two types of bacteria that are common in humans but had never been found before in cockroaches.

According to Dr. Vonnie Prentice, head of the biology department, the recent discovery is part of an on-going study. Through this type of research, "pesticides would be developed to effectively deal with roaches once it is known how they develop immunity."

Baldwin developed an interest in the immunity system of the cockroach through her work as a licensed exterminator. She started her own business, Pesticides Specialists, about three years ago. Baldwin observed many mutations among the insects and started researching the subject. "I found that few studies had been done on the immunity of cockroaches," she said.

Although she has spent two years studying the insects, Baldwin's first year consisted of preparation for the actual laboratory work. She visited Texas A&M, where much work is done in immunology.

"They (the faculty) were really enthusiastic at Texas A&M," said Baldwin. "They had thought about doing a project like this, but hadn't started it."

In order to begin the project, Baldwin had to find roaches that had not been exposed to pesticides. After six months of searching, she found a home that had not been sprayed in nine years. In exchange for free fumigation, Baldwin was allowed to catch the subjects of her work. She started out with 11 of the insects, but now has approximately 170.

Baldwin began her project with the assistance of David Tillman, assistant professor of biology, in a Bacterial Survey course. Since then she has been advised through independent studies with Prentice.

On April 29 Baldwin will present her paper, which also will be published, at the annual Missouri Academy of Science meeting which Southern is sponsoring this year. Several other students from Southern also will present papers.

Baldwin considers her undergraduate work the foundation of future studies. She has had the opportunity to develop her own techniques of insect dissection in this new, relatively untouched field. Looking forward to graduation, Baldwin has been offered a government job as an environmental scientist and plans to pursue her master's degree at Southwest Missouri State University.

Realizing her work has just begun, Baldwin's next goal is to isolate the blood cell of a cockroach—which has never been done. According to Baldwin, to be able to accomplish that "would be like icing on the cake."

## Southern continues searches for several positions

BY ROBERT J. SMITH  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

College administrators remain uncertain as to when several department head changes will be made.

Missouri Southern is continuing efforts to find heads for its art and nursing departments.

According to Dr. Ray Malzahn, dean of the school of arts and sciences, on-campus interviews for the head of the art department position will be conducted this month. None of the current art faculty members have applied for the position.

"We have looked over the applications," Malzahn said. "Mr. [Val] Christensen took

the position on an interim basis, and he would like to get back to the classroom."

Malzahn said the position will be filled by someone with a background in painting. He said applicants must have a master's degree and "successful experience as an administrator."

James Maupin, dean of the school of technology, said only a handful of applications have been received for the department head position in nursing. He said Barbara Box, now serving as interim head, is considered an "extremely strong candidate" to return to the position.

"We did re-advertise the position, and Barbara Box understands that," Maupin said.

Maupin said the College received applications until the March 24 deadline. Because of busy schedules, members of the search and screening committee have not had an opportunity to review the applications, Maupin said.

In addition, Maupin is anxious to fill the position of director of production technologies. Rather than fill the assistant dean of technology position vacated a year ago by Robert Nickolaissen, the College decided to re-define the position.

"We have advertised the position as director of production technologies for several months," Maupin said. "We believe that is a more appropriate title for the position."

Maupin said the position will be filled as soon as possible. He said only two of five or six applications "might meet the qualifications for the position."

"I hope to fill it as early as we can identify an individual," he said. "There is no justification in putting someone in who cannot do the job as it needs to be done."

"I would have loved to have filled the position this year because it would have been a big help."

College officials say there is no truth to at least two rumors involving department head changes. Malzahn said he has no in-

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## Publications committee gets Senate approval to disband Faculty address prayer issue at convocation

CHRISTOPHER A. CLARK  
STAFF WRITER

Abolishment of the College Student Publications Committee was approved unanimously at the Faculty meeting Monday.

In February, the committee voted to disband due to lack of activity. The committee, which previously had not met since 1984, needed approval from the Senate before the abolishment could take place. At the Senate's March 27 meeting, a measure was sent to the Committee on Committees for further consideration. The committee had not met for some time, said Richard Miller, chairman of the Committee on Committees. "It has been its usefulness."

Richard Massa, head of the communications department and a 17-year member of the publications committee, believes its disbanding stems from the changing needs of the College.

"The committee has really not functioned in seven years," said Massa. "It was created for a different type of campus than we now have. The campus has changed. The need for the services of the committee has changed."

In other business, the Senate tabled a number of amendments to the Policy Handbook that would give the Learning Center representation on the Faculty Senate, Academic Policies Committee, Faculty Per-

sonnel Committee, and the Honors Convocation Committee. Concern was expressed that members of the library were not well enough informed about the changes and that further consideration was warranted.

Also, the Senate addressed the issue of prayer at the Honors Convocation ceremony. Senators discussed the possible conflict of church and state over public prayer, but the topic was quickly dismissed when it was decided by senators that most persons attending the event would not be offended by open prayer.

"I don't think that the majority won't object to a prayer from any religion," said Dr. Ben Peterson, associate professor of communications. He told *The Chart*, "I think there will be just talk from those who will object. They'll say 'Isn't this prayer in a state school?' But I just don't think there will that much objection."

In related business, the Senate voted to relax guidelines that require the Honors Convocation ceremony to be held in the first week in May.

Dr. Paul Teverow, Senate president, announced that a seminar will address the reliability and validity of the ACT COMP test that is mandatory for all graduating seniors. Dr. Betsy Griffin, associate professor of psychology, and Dr. Brian Bab-



Lazy day

Missouri Southern students David Swenson and Angela Melton relaxed one afternoon on the bridge of the biology pond.

## 28 seniors take make-up exams

During make-up test sessions Monday, Tuesday, and yesterday, 28 prospective May graduates took the ACT COMP assessment examination.

"I am pleased," said Dr. Betty Israel, director of assessment. "Everything's going well; everyone's being cooperative."

"It (the ACT COMP) is a positive move to make. But every time you have a change in procedure, it takes a while for people to accept change."

Of the 282 graduates on the list for graduation in May, 244 took the ACT COMP in February, according to Israel.

Those prospective May graduates who did not take the ACT COMP in February were sent letters from the office of Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs, telling them of the make-up dates.

Israel said she knew of "only five" requests for waivers by persons objecting to take the test.

She said five people who were supposed to take the test who had not requested waivers were "totally unaccounted for."

"We've had many of the summer graduates taking it early so they won't have to worry about it this summer," she said.

Israel also said incoming freshmen for fall 1989 would be required to take the ACT COMP during the orientation session during the summer.

"We've been working out that situation all winter long, to avoid taking freshmen out of classes in the fall [to take the test]," she said. "It would be much more easily facilitated in the summer."

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**Bombs away!** Bob Brock, backhoe operator for the College's physical plant, loads a hole between Hearn Hall and the Spiva Library with dirt Monday, covering a repaired break in an air conditioning line.

## McDonald County group offers 10 scholarships

The McDonald County Republican Club is offering 10 \$100 scholarships to any McDonald County resident who will attend college during the fall semester.

The scholarships, which are not limited to those students who plan to attend Missouri Southern, are part of the organization's effort to invest in the future. "They feel this is the future of the Uni-

ted States and they are investing in the future," said Emma Jo Walker, financial aid coordinator. "They raise money during the year to provide students with these scholarships."

The requirement, in addition to being a McDonald County resident, are:  
 ■ the student must plan to attend college during the 1989 fall semester;  
 ■ and the student must be present at the

May meeting of the McDonald County Republican Club in order to win.

Persons interested in applying for the scholarships may contact Walker at (417) 625-9586 or write Edna Satterfield, scholarship chairman, P.O. Box 133, Rocky Comfort, Mo. 64861. Entry deadline is April 30.

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bitt, professor of psychology, will conduct the seminar. All faculty are invited to the seminar, which will take place at noon Monday in Room 314 of the Billingsly Student Center.

Babbitt, who said he has objections with the test and its administration, refused to comment on the specifics of his objections. When asked at the Senate meeting by Larry Karst, counselor, if she had "questions" concerning the validity and reliability of the test, Griffin answered, "Yes."

The Senate also voted to, from now on, place the minutes of Senate meetings on file in the library. The measure passed unanimously.

## Good news!

Avalon, the College's monthly art and literary magazine, is not dead, as has been presumed by many. There will be an April issue of Avalon, and the magazine will survive indefinitely.

The submissions envelope is empty at present. So, submit your work—submit your short stories, poems, essays, photos, and pieces of artwork. Also, we'll accept book reviews of current fiction and non-fiction works; but keep the reviews under 750 words. The submission deadline for this last spring issue of Avalon is 5 p.m., Thursday, April 20. The place to turn in submissions is in The Chart office, Room 117 of Hearn Hall.

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SUNDAY	04/09/89	12:30	Philadelphia
WEDNESDAY	04/12/89	6:30	Chicago
FRIDAY	04/14/89	7:30	New York
MONDAY	05/01/89	9:00	San Diego
TUESDAY	05/02/89	9:00	San Diego
WEDNESDAY	05/03/89	9:00	Los Angeles
THURSDAY	05/04/89	9:00	Los Angeles
FRIDAY	05/05/89	9:30	San Francisco
SATURDAY	05/06/89	3:00	San Francisco
SUNDAY	05/07/89	3:00	San Francisco
TUESDAY	05/16/89	7:30	Houston
WEDNESDAY	05/17/89	7:30	Houston
THURSDAY	05/18/89	7:30	Houston
SUNDAY	05/21/89	1:00	Atlanta
TUESDAY	05/23/89	6:30	Cincinnati
WEDNESDAY	05/24/89	6:30	Cincinnati
MONDAY	06/05/89	6:30	Montreal
TUESDAY	06/06/89	6:30	Montreal
WEDNESDAY	06/07/89	6:30	Montreal
SUNDAY	06/11/89	1:00	Chicago
TUESDAY	06/20/89	6:30	Philadelphia
WEDNESDAY	06/21/89	6:30	Philadelphia
FRIDAY	06/23/89	6:30	Pittsburgh
SUNDAY	06/25/89	12:30	Pittsburgh
FRIDAY	07/14/89	9:30	Los Angeles
SATURDAY	07/15/89	9:00	Los Angeles
SUNDAY	07/16/89	3:00	Los Angeles
MONDAY	07/17/89	9:30	San Francisco
TUESDAY	07/18/89	9:30	San Francisco
FRIDAY	07/21/89	9:00	San Diego
SATURDAY	07/22/89	9:00	San Diego
SUNDAY	07/23/89	3:00	San Diego
FRIDAY	07/28/89	6:30	Montreal
SUNDAY	07/30/89	12:30	Montreal
TUESDAY	08/08/89	6:30	Pittsburgh
WEDNESDAY	08/09/89	6:30	Pittsburgh
THURSDAY	08/10/89	6:30	New York
FRIDAY	08/11/89	6:30	New York
SATURDAY	08/12/89	6:00	New York
SUNDAY	08/13/89	12:30	New York
FRIDAY	08/18/89	6:30	Cincinnati
SUNDAY	08/20/89	1:00	Cincinnati
FRIDAY	08/25/89	7:30	Houston
SATURDAY	08/26/89	7:30	Houston
SUNDAY	08/27/89	1:30	Houston
WEDNESDAY	09/06/89	6:30	New York
SUNDAY	09/10/89	1:00	Chicago
FRIDAY	09/15/89	6:30	Philadelphia
SATURDAY	09/16/89	6:00	Philadelphia
SUNDAY	09/17/89	12:30	Philadelphia
MONDAY	09/18/89	6:30	Montreal
MONDAY	09/25/89	6:00	Pittsburgh
TUESDAY	09/26/89	6:00	Pittsburgh
WEDNESDAY	09/27/89	6:00	Pittsburgh

## 700-800 to come to event Special Olympics will begin tomorrow morning

Track and field events for the Spring 1989 Special Olympics will begin at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow in Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

Between 700-800 handicapped athletes will gather at Missouri Southern to participate in such events as the standing and running long jump, 100 and 200 meter dashes, and the decathlon.

According to Dr. Michael Banks, associate professor of education, the Special Olympics is "like an organized confusion for a little while until everyone knows where they need to go."

Co-sponsored by the department of education and the Area V Missouri Special Olympics, athletes from seven southwest Missouri counties will be present. Volunteer students from the physical education, education and psychology depart-

ments will participate as starter coordinators, and helpers. There is a volunteer table positioned in the stadium for persons interested in participating with the events.

"We're looking for volunteers," said Banks. "Even if a student has only a few minutes between classes, we would like to use him."

At 9:30 a.m., College President Leon will lead the athletes in the Special Olympics pledge. Afterward, Leon will release a helium balloon to mark the beginning of the competition.

"Southern has been involved in the Special Olympics for at least 13 years," said Banks. "We have had different Olympic events throughout the years, but this is the most public."

Persons interested in helping the Special Olympics may contact Banks at 625-9586.

## Committee will see resolution

In a 10-minute session, the Student Senate moved two resolutions to its finance committee last night.

Senate treasurer Sam Ellis read the resolutions to the Senate members. Missouri Southern's Legal Studies Club has submitted a request for \$150 to co-host a seminar on April 15. Also hosting the event is the Southwest Missouri Paralegal Association. The seminar will be conducted for members of the following bar associations: Jasper, McDonald, Newton, and Barry counties in Missouri, as well as attorneys from Springfield and Kansas City. Additionally, students from Pittsburg State University, Draughton Business College in Joplin, and various area vocational schools will attend the event.

The purpose of the seminar is to educate those attending in the utilization of paralegals in the law office. Possible subjects for the seminar include ethics and

professional responsibilities, as well as other topics pertaining to paralegals.

According to the resolution, the profits to the College can be determined by the group's participation in the First, members of the club will learn about their chosen profession by attending it from people who have entered it first-hand. Additionally, it provides the opportunity for students to become interested in the legal program at Southern.

Additionally, the Senate received a appropriation request from the Southern Manufacturing Engineers, which is to attend a robotics contest on May 1. The group has a robot entry for the contest and is requesting \$460 in funding.

Both requests have been advanced to the finance committee and will be discussed next week.

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# Professor peaks solo talk show

Clair discusses Soviet  
elections in broadcast

BY FORD  
STAFF EDITOR

Describing the experience of live radio broadcasting as "scary," Annetta St. Clair was the solo voice for a nationally syndicated live talk show last week.

Clair, assistant professor of political science, was interviewed by Ted Burn with the American Radio Network by a telephone call-up in her office in the Main Building. The topic of discussion was the Soviet elections.

It was the first time in Soviet history, the revolution, that the Soviet people had a real choice," she said.

According to St. Clair, the elections were unique because they allowed Soviet citizens an opportunity to actually have a say between two candidates in some cases, while only one candidate, who was affiliated with the Communist Party, was in different races. Soviet citizens were against the Party's candidate, and in some instances the "no" votes overwhelmingly outnumbered the votes for the Communist Party candidate.

In other cases, the person who was interviewed had a falling out with the [Communist] Party," said St. Clair.

The talk show aired from 4-5 p.m. on a Joplin radio station. It aired between 5-6 p.m. on the East Coast, during the evening rush hour. St. Clair was notified before the show was to be broadcast that she would be interviewed at

the office here, reading every letter I could get my hands on which mentioned the Soviet elections. It wasn't too bad of an experience, but I still can't bear to listen to the



**On national radio** Annetta St. Clair, assistant professor of political science, was interviewed over the phone for a national radio broadcast regarding Soviet elections last week.

tape Larry Meacham made of the broadcast. He (Meacham) taped the last half of the show and let my husband hear it."

St. Clair has found some consolation with a broadcast on public television that discussed the same topic.

"Shortly after the show, I was watching *The McGlaughlin Group* (a news program which airs on PBS) and the topic for the day's discussion was the Soviet elections. They didn't seem to have any more insight to the significance of the elections than I did."

While the questions were screened to "weed out the kookie ones," she still calls live public radio broadcasting "draining."

"It was comparable to grading essay ex-

ams," she said.

Some of the questions Burn asked St. Clair was the significance of the elections, how the elections will affect future relations between east and west, and what impact the elections would have on Gorbachev's standing as leader of the Soviet Union.

While she found the experience "scary" and "draining," this was not the first time St. Clair has been involved in broadcasting. During the Presidential race, she was approached by KSNF-TV and asked to give election night commentary.

"KSN contacted me early in the election year," she said. "Broadcasting isn't too bad; you get accustomed to it."

## 'The Chart' captures sweeps in newspaper competition

Claiming first-place awards in all five design categories, *The Chart* captured the sweepstakes award Saturday at the Missouri College Newspaper Association convention.

Twenty-two college and university newspapers participated in the awards competition, held at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau. Professional newspaper editors from around the state judged the entries, published during the 1988 spring and fall semesters.

*The Chart* received 18 awards, including 13 first-place finishes. The sweepstakes award is presented to the newspaper winning the most awards.

"It was nice to take the sweepstakes award away from the University of Missouri," said Robert Smith, editor-in-chief of *The Chart*. "They had won it the last three years in a row."

Smith received first-place awards in news writing, in-depth news reporting, and investigative reporting. *Chart* staffers Mark Mulik and Chris Clark shared in the investigative award, which was for a special page on the Ku Klux Klan. Smith also took second place for sports column.

Mulik, executive editor, claimed first place in information graphics. In addition, he finished second in the College

Journalist of the Year competition. Eight student editors were nominated for that award.

Clark, managing editor, received third place for editorial writing.

Sean Vanslyke, 1987-88 director of photography for *The Chart*, received first-place awards for news photography, feature photography, and photo page, and second place for sports photography.

Mark Ernstmann, 1987-88 editor-in-chief of *The Chart*, claimed second place for in-depth news reporting.

*The Chart's* "Campaign '88: An election guide," published on Nov. 3, won first place for special supplement/section. *The Chart's* art and literary magazine, *Avallon*, received second place for special supplement/section.

*The Chart* received first-place awards in page one design, editorial page design, feature page design, sports page design, and overall design.

In judging sponsored by the Associated Collegiate Press, a national organization, *The Chart* has received an All American award with five marks of distinction for the 1988 fall semester. It is the sixth consecutive "Five-Star" award for *The Chart*, dating back to the 1986 spring semester.

## TV stations add two programs

Two new programs have been added to K57DR's and MSTV's programming schedules.

Representatives from Neosho and Carthage are hosting and producing weekly programs involving activities and people within their communities.

"Neosho at a Glance" airs Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and is hosted and produced by the Neosho Chamber of Commerce.

"What's Current in Carthage" airs Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and is hosted by the Mainstreet Program of Carthage.

"This is another way to get involved with the community and have the people watch our station," said Judy Stiles, community services director for MSTV.

Little cost is involved in the programs, other than basic materials for backgrounds and the time of the volunteers.

"The programs originated through discussions Jean Campbell (host of Jean Campbell's Showcase) had with members of the chambers," said Stiles. "They expressed an interest in doing a program that involved their community."

Southern students provide the production crews and create openings for the shows.

"Once again, it's great hands-on experience for the students," said Stiles. "It is another good outreach to the community and a way to service the communities through the College."

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Gilligan's Island Look-Alike Contest  
11:30 a.m. — Lion's Den

**Tuesday, April 18th**  
Singer Barbara Bailey Hutchinson  
11:00 a.m. — Lion's Den  
Beachwear Contest  
12:30 p.m. — Lion's Den

**Wednesday, April 19th**  
Creative Face Painting Contest  
11:00 a.m. — Lion's Den

**Thursday, April 20th**  
Talent Show  
Noon — Lion's Den  
Luau With Music by KSYN  
8:00 p.m. — Biology Pond

**Friday, April 21st**  
Cookout — Make your own sandwich  
10:45-1:00 — BSC Front Lawn  
Music by Dave Wopat  
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Noon — Cookout  
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## OUR EDITORIALS

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## College must make decision

Theoretically, a public institution of higher education is prohibited from accommodating the religious interests of its students. Or is it?

At this year's Honors Convocation ceremony, an invocation will be given. The age-old question of the state meddling in the interests of the church will be resurrected. However, beyond that tiresome feud lies a curiosity of Missouri Southern's intentions.

Where is the consistency in an institution that annually refuses to recognize Good Friday as an academic holiday while at the same time supporting open prayer on public grounds? Good Friday is a religious day. An invocation is a religious prayer. It is taxing to understand that we acknowledge one but not the other.

Does the College violate a student's right to freedom of religion (or freedom from religion)? We have opened our ears to the minority and their cries of exclusion when displays of public religion are forced upon them. We must be receptive to their needs, regardless of their religious convictions. However, deciding the issue has, and will be for years to come, a task for the courts.

It would seem that a violation of the separation of church and state will be perpetuated by the College when it holds the invocation during the convocation ceremony. But until we get such decisiveness from our courts, the College must remain consistent. Better to be wrong all of the time rather than be correct only some of the time.

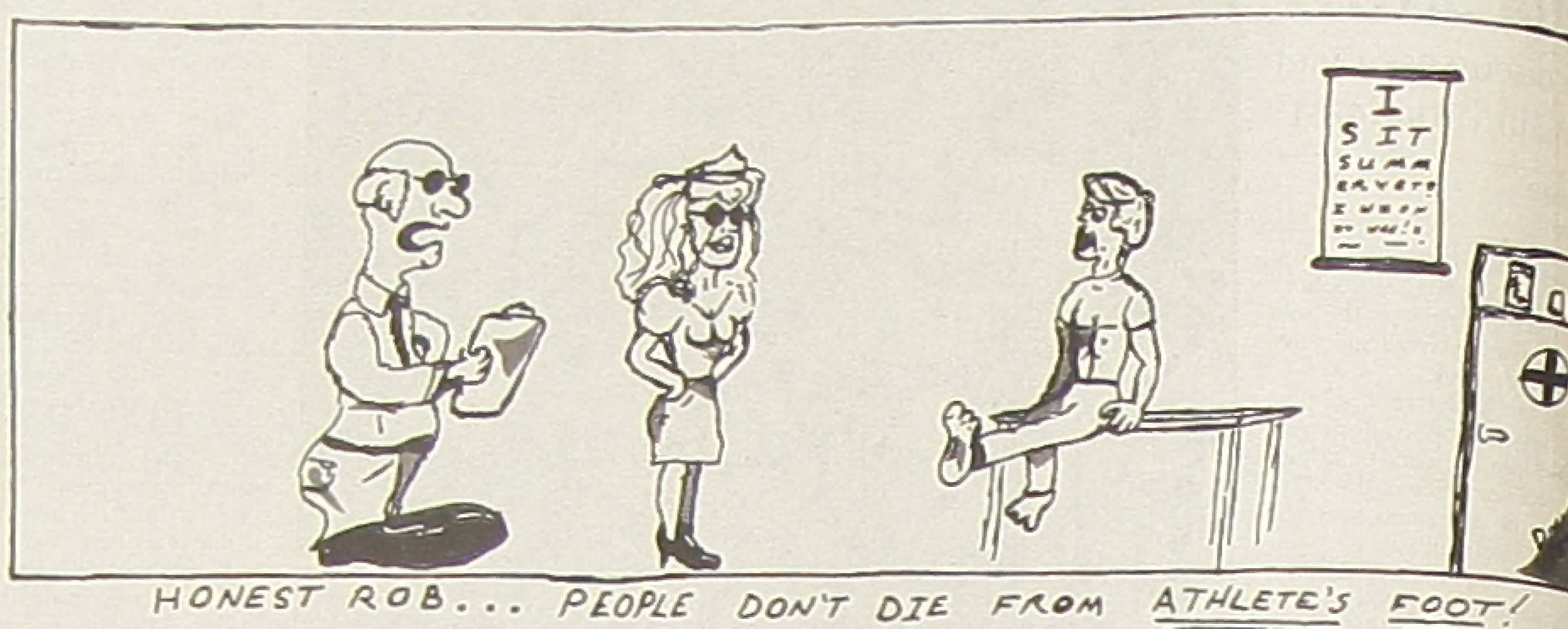
Southern must choose a path and stick to it. The College's pick-and-choose practice of religion must end, or further confusion will reign.

## Attend seminar

Controversy surrounding the ACT COMP test has been continuous since it was announced that seniors who intend to graduate must take the examination.

Now, students and faculty will be given the opportunity to examine the situation much closer. On Monday, Dr. Betsy Griffin and Dr. Brian Babbitt will conduct a "brown bag seminar" to address questions concerning the reliability and validity of the test. Some students have threatened to boycott the test or even skew the results. This seminar could either confirm or dispel their fears regarding ACT COMP. Nobody is talking specifics about what will be said at the seminar, but rest assured it will be informative.

Even those who agree with the intent behind the test should attend to gain more information and voice their support. It could be a way to better understand how beneficial ACT COMP can be.



HONEST ROB... PEOPLE DON'T DIE FROM ATHLETE'S FOOT!

## Each student houses several diseases

BY ROBERT J. SMITH  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

While it's just a guess from a person with a limited background in science, I will stick my neck out and suggest that the body of each college student houses several diseases.

Diseases, whether they are as serious as cancer or as minor as a cold sore, are part of all our lives. In many ways, diseases control our lives and attempt to limit us.

Take Chris Clark, managing editor of *The Chart*, as an example. Apparently, a tapeworm has set up shop in his small intestine. At least that's what the counter girl at Hardee's insisted must have happened after Chris ordered his fifth major league hamburger, third order of fries, second big cookie, and second large Coke. Forget about the two ice cream cones and the popcorn that were digested 30 minutes later.

Chris is not alone. I have my share of diseases to deal with from time to time. In one day, I have been able to diagnose myself as having five diseases. Give me another two hours with a pair of borrowed



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books and I bet I could tag on four more.

I knew about diabetes. I've had it more than 10 years. Controlled with two shots of insulin a day, I've jabbed 7,812 syringes in my arms, legs, and hips. In many respects, I don't consider diabetes a disease. A disease is something that limits a person in some way, and I haven't let diabetes limit me. Call diabetes disease number one, but realize that the other three I have are more serious.

Disease number two is my case of tinea pedis (athlete's foot). Because I am not careful and rarely use powders or sprays, this ringworm of the feet is a real problem. In a sense, my case of athlete's foot spreads from the feet to the nose and out the mouth with phrases like "Is that your feet, Smith?" or "Put your shoes back on, you /© ☆ f f f @ :".

Combine my cases of tinea pedis and diabetes and it looks like a good chance of getting gangrene. It seems I'm reminded of that every single day. Diabetes supposedly creates poor blood circulation in the feet while athlete's foot makes my feet look like a poor selection at the meat counter and a solid choice for gangrene candidate of the year.

Arthritis has certainly developed in my left shoulder. My grandmother used to insist that the weather was going to change based on her arthritis.

I used to laugh thinking it was something of a cure-all medicine book, but now I see what it means. The lesson here is don't ever throw a ball or learn to throw it correctly before your first one.

I also suffer from a mild case of obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD). It's the only disorder I have that warrants an all-caps name. AIDS, VD, TB, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COLD).

OCD, which was featured in the March issue of *Newsweek*, is the fear of contamination. A victim might have an never-ending need to wash his hands. Other examples of OCD are an obsessive need for symmetry (like shading boxes perfectly on the ACT COMP test) and constantly checking and re-checking things.

In my case, OCD is the fear of leaving the door unlocked. In leaving the house, I will turn the lock on the door as I leave. I'll get in the car, shut the door, and ask myself whether I've turned the front door to the house. Uncertain, I'll open the car door and go back and check the door. Sometimes, I'll double check the front door.

Maybe it means little to see that the simple things can be translated into a disease with a name. But do realize that each one of us is a victim of poor health and disease, and continuing habits like mine only create more diseases and health problems. Don't be me.

## We need to work together in education

BY DR. KAROLYN L. YOCUM  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Both students and faculty at Missouri Southern have become involved in a new era of educational reforms that have caused some rethinking of our responsibilities. It was initiated with the term "accountability" which means to politicians that they must be shown that accomplishments are occurring in education. Funding has become more and more linked to how well students are learning. In order to prove that we are "accountable," new assessment procedures have had to be developed as mandated by state governments.

It has been interesting and challenging to me to be a participant in the restructuring of Missouri's educational system beginning in the early 1980s. At that time, the State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education anticipated legislative moves toward accountability and, prior to the "Excellence in Education" bills, appointed committees of educators to develop core competencies, skills and assessment K-12. I was a member of these early groups and began to see the scenario unfolding at all levels, as Missouri along with the rest of the country leaped into the



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accountability and assessment movement. The major difference between the public school approach and the approach in higher education was the involvement of the people most directly affected, teachers and students.

While the public school educators came together to communicate as a group and in specialized groups, faculty in higher education in Missouri have not been called together as a group or within disciplines to discuss the development of assessment of basic skills across institutions. To solve problems in developing assessment procedures, many disciplines have had to deal with that in independent associations at the institutional, regional, or national level in separate professional efforts.

For example, in my field of speech communication, we held a summer conference to develop objectives and suggest assessment processes to insure that all students have certain basic skills regardless of the institution they attend anywhere in the country. Suggestions for assessment were not enough in this first conference. Last summer, the Speech Communication Association sponsored another conference to address assessment and other problems K-post-secondary. Still, that was not enough; subsequently, a third conference is to be held in 1990 to address problems of assessment, solely.

None of this activity will assure that the problem

will be solved in all states and all institutions. We have been a participant in each of these groups, and frustration levels are shared and quite high. Concerned participants from all regions across the country. I suspect other disciplines have similar problems. Without working together in education, how can we mobilize or empower ourselves to solve the multiple problems of assessment, which could lead to important improvements we need in education?

Another question has developed from discussion about assessment among those most concerned in higher education. Do faculty perform state assessment mandates perfunctorily and do they ask students to perform them similarly? While state mandates can and do mandate minimum standards, this does not have to happen. Problem-solving strategies achieved through communication practices can create a positive outcome. One of the warnings given by leaders who have studied assessment problems is that we must enlist the involvement and support of students. Effective communication principles strongly suggest that "us" and "they" can seriously diminish positive outcomes. Collaboration must occur in solving a problem of the magnitude we face. We must facilitate input from all concerned and empower each other to make

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## Truck driver part-time student here has seen 48 states

CYNTHIA SPURGEON  
CHART REPORTER

Many people think of truck drivers as men, but that is not the case with Missouri Southern student Jean Dean.

Dean started out working as a fuel-line driver at a truck stop in Florence, Ky., and became interested from the truck stop," said Dean. "Also, trucks have fascinated me. Trucks are the center of our economy, and the people who drive them have a tremendous responsibility."

Dean has been a part-time student at Missouri Southern for two years. Some of the classes she has taken are Introduction to Business and Oral Communication.

"I'm taking classes that will relate to the truck-driving industry and improve my position and abilities," she said.

With what she is learning in school, Dean hopes to help truckers have better communication with their companies. She believes she would be a good "go-between," because she understands the needs of the companies must follow and the instructions of the drivers.

"I want to be a driver manager," said Dean. "I like the challenge of problems—

solving them so it will be good for the company and good for the drivers. I want to help create a better working rapport between the company and the truckers." Dean drove several different types of trucks for 10 years with a clean safety record.

"I have driven cab-overs and long-nose trucks and have pulled all kinds of freight from dry-box to flatbed," she said.



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

**Off the road** Jean Dean, a part-time student at Missouri Southern, used to drive tractor-trailer units for 10 years. Now, she works as a compliance coordinator and dispatcher for Monkem Co., Inc., of Joplin.

In her many years as a trucker, Dean has traveled in 48 states.

"I have seen all parts of the country and collected things from everywhere I have been," she said. "I liked Oregon and Washington best. It is really beautiful country."

Dean, who is no longer driving trucks, still works for Monkem Co., Inc., in Joplin, where she is a compliance coordinator

and part-time dispatcher. She admits she still gets an "itch" to get on the road again.

"That desire to get back out on the road is still there."

Dean does have hobbies and interests other than the trucking industry and college.

"I like oil painting and singing music," she said.

Dean has a son, 24, and two daughters,

22 and 18.

Dean is satisfied with what she has done in the trucking industry. According to her, it is a challenging career, and she considers herself successful.

"For a woman, being able to handle a big semi, and pulling a tractor-trailer, and dealing with people is a big accomplishment," she said. "Trucking is a challenging world."

## Bemo is working toward her secretarial certificate

Student, husband were missionaries in the Far East

BY LORI CLEVENGER  
CHART REPORTER

After living in Taiwan and Thailand for 17 years, Janet Bemo and her family moved back to the United States three years ago.

Bemo, a non-traditional student at Missouri Southern, and her husband have six children. Their ages range from five to 21.

"Five were made in Taiwan, and one was made in Thailand," said Bemo. "We worked as missionaries there at the time. I taught them (her children) myself until they reached the eighth grade."

"I'm trying to get my secretarial certificate," she said. "I don't know if I'll use it. I'd rather stay home with my kids."

Currently, Bemo is enrolled in 12 credit hours at Southern and four credit hours at Ozark Christian College. She and her husband, Alan, who studies wastewater management at Crowder College in Neosho, are getting their degrees so they may enter countries that are closed to missionaries. "Foreign countries recognize degrees," said Bemo.

Bemo, 43, was born in California and moved to China when she was three months old.

"I was in China for five years until the Communists came," she Bemo. "Then we (she and her mother) went to Japan until I was 16. My father, who was also a missionary, died of typhoid fever in China when I was a year old."

At 17, Bemo toured the world with her mother, then returned to the United States that same year to finish high school and go to college.

Bemo met her husband at Ozark Bible College. When they graduated, they went to Taiwan as missionaries from 1969-79. From Taiwan, they went to Thailand for seven years.

"To go to town from where we lived took from five to 24 hours, depending on the roads," she said. "During the wet

season, the mud was as deep as our car. We have used elephants as tow trucks on occasion."

In Thailand, Bemo and her family lived in what is called the "Golden Triangle." About 80 percent of the world's opium crop is grown there.

"We've been in crossfires before," she said. "All the countries (China, Burma, Thailand, and Laos) were fighting over their share of the crops. At first they thought that we were the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) of the United States. This is when they really would have liked to blow us away."

"There were so many miracles," she said. "Sometimes they would plant bombs in our car, things to make us afraid, but they wouldn't go off. We probably didn't know half the things that God was doing to protect us."

Bemo plans to return to the Orient in August. Since she and her husband will both have a "trade," they expect to find it less difficult than before.

"We will not enter as missionaries, but we will be doing practically the same things," she said. "We tell them that God is a God of love; everything they do is out of fear. They are so wrapped up in their Buddhist religion...I think they're really starving for the truth."

Bemo is looking forward to going back. She loved the crafts and agriculture projects when she was there.

"We'll be working with them on water, agricultural, and tree projects. That's how you really get to know the people real well," she said.

"It's hard to be patient sometimes, but we're waiting for God to show us where to go next," said Bemo. "We've had our share of a lot of hard times, but we're in God's hands. The hard times only put more purpose in our lives...Some missionaries get killed; that's OK, too. We're ready either way."

Future Farmers of America, football, and track. He was also a member of Mu Alpha Theta, a mathematics club. Cyr graduated from Cypress Creek Senior High School in Houston in 1983.

He has been all over the United States. "I went to Washington D.C. for a band trip," said Cyr. "I have been canoeing in Canada, which was a lot of fun. I have also been to Disneyland and Walt Disney World."

He has two sisters and three brothers. "If I ever get the chance, I'm going to visit my sister in Germany," said Cyr.

His interests are simple. He likes play-

## Holtsman takes place in contest

BY CHRISTOPHER A. CLARK  
MANAGING EDITOR

She had one of the best bodies on the beach, and now she has the clout to prove it.

"They stopped me on the beach and told me that I had been selected as a finalist for the competition," said Debra Holtsman, who was named one of five winners in a Best Body competition at Daytona Beach, Fla.

The competition, sponsored by Watchout Fashions, Inc., and conducted with I-100, an FM radio station in Daytona Beach, took place during spring break in March to find the most fit male and female bodies on the beach.

"I was pretty responsive to the whole thing," said Holtsman, a senior sociology and criminal justice major at Missouri Southern. "I had lost about 20 pounds before I left for Florida. So, I was really happy with the way my body looked."

Holtsman, who will graduate in May, said she has been working out with weights and aerobics for five months. Her daily exercises average between 30 minutes to one hour.

Holtsman said she was flattered that she was selected as a winner.

"I had to go up on the stage and dance around for about a minute or so with the crowd going crazy," she said. "My friends were cheering me on. I think the whole crowd was intoxicated."



Debra Holtsman

When named a finalist, Holtsman said the coordinators of the event were not as interested in her, personally, as they were in her looks.

"They really didn't ask that much about me, personally," she said. "It was totally physical. I'm not really that proud of it. But it was all in fun."

For her dance, Holtsman called on her two years' experience as a Southern cheerleader.

"I had to do a little dance," she said. "They said I could do anything I wanted. They told me, 'No thongs.' Only a bikini was allowed. I had a minute to do whatever I wanted. The people in the crowd were just cheering and screaming the whole time."

For her efforts, Holtsman was awarded limited-edition Watchout Fashions T-shirts, decals, and an oversized watch, a new product from the company.



STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

## Missionary to the Orient

Janet Bemo lived in Taiwan and Thailand for a total of 17 years, working as a missionary. She is attempting to earn her secretarial certificate to help her get into foreign countries that are closed to missionaries but that recognize degrees. Bemo plans to return to the Orient in August.

BY SUSAN RYOTT  
CHART REPORTER

Interested in electrical workings, Mark Cyr, a 23-year-old junior, is a pre-engineering major.

"My main goal at this point is to get a master's of science in engineering," he said.

Cyr said his 16 hours of classes are challenging, but his favorite is Calculus III because his instructor, Mary Elick, is knowledgeable in the subject and relays the information clearly.

"I feel my Oral Communication teacher from last semester, Mrs. Marie Capps,

helped make a difference in my education because public speech is very important for a college student to know," Cyr said.

He plans to transfer to the University of Missouri-Rolla in the spring of 1990 to finish his engineering degree. He chose to start at Missouri Southern to satisfy his general education requirements and get some facts and background about engineering. He is a member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers on campus.

He someday hopes to land a job in a major engineering firm in Los Angeles—his favorite city in the United States.

In high school he was in the band,

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ing basketball, playing his guitar, lifting weights, going to school, and of course, girls.

"I am teaching myself to play the guitar. I would someday like to form and be involved with my own rock 'n' roll band," Cyr said.

"In the future I will be living in Los Angeles, with the woman of my dreams. I will be involved with my band, be heavy into investment and finance, and working in a major engineering firm. My wife and I will own a BMW and a red Ferrari, and we will be happy and prosperous people."

His philosophy of life is that life is hard, but hard work leads to self-actualization.



## Southern schedules workshop

Session set for April 22

BY ANASTASIA UMLAND  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

A workshop designed to inform students about college survival is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 22.

"The workshop was developed to encourage students to attend Missouri Southern," said Lori LeBahn, workshop speaker. "Any students who are uncertain if they want to attend Southern are given the chance to learn more about what the College has to offer."

Dr. Earle Doman, director of counseling, established the workshop last year. According to LeBahn, the response has been tremendous.

"Last year, as well as this year, we have had the maximum number of students, around 50 or so," she said.

Topics to be addressed in the workshop include study skills, the selection of academic advisers, dormitory living, and student life and activities.

"The workshop provides a quick overview on how to survive in college," said LeBahn.

LeBahn said the workshop will also contain information as to what students can expect from Southern. Although it is not an official day of enrollment, faculty members will be on hand to discuss class planning with future students.

"It will be a day of getting to know the school and getting to know people," said LeBahn.

Other topics of interest planned include stretching the college dollar and dealing with stress.

"We want to let the students know that sometimes college can be really tough," said LeBahn. "If the students know what to expect, maybe they will be prepared and will not be so quick to drop out of school."

Faculty members and current students of Southern will be present to answer any questions students may have regarding academic and student life at Southern.

"Probably the main question students ask is, 'What is college?'," said LeBahn. "We try to be real positive about Southern and what they can expect."

The cost of the workshop is \$10 and includes lunch at the College. The deadline for registration is Friday, April 14. More information may be obtained by contacting the counseling office at 625-9363.



Reference search Missouri Southern sophomore Dana Thompson (left) and senior Dennis Roy spend time searching for possible references to use as sources for term papers in their art history class.

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## Organization develops leadership skills

BY SARA WOODS  
STAFF WRITER

Seventy-five education majors banded together as charter members of the Missouri Southern chapter of the Student Missouri State Teachers Association earlier this year.

According to Jamie Mitchell, junior elementary education major and secretary of the club, S-MSTA "is there to prepare students to become professionals out in the working field."

Several students got together last summer and decided to organize the chapter. They asked Dr. Betty Cagle, assistant professor of education, to serve as an adviser to the group. Cagle described the students as being "intrinsically motivated" and having strong leadership skills in acting upon their desire to form the chapter.

S-MSTA is a pre-professional organiza-

tion that has more than 20 chapters among colleges and universities throughout the state. Its purpose is to promote the development of leadership skills among its members, introduce students to professional activities within the teaching field, and orientate students to current issues of special importance for teachers.

This semester the group has had several guest speakers including an area principal, who discussed the interviewing process for the teacher; a hospital representative, who discussed how a teacher handles having a child with AIDS in the classroom; and an educator, who discussed the development and structure of gifted programs.

In regard to speakers, Austin said, "Hopefully, we can provide speakers to help them (the students) prepare for when they get out into the real world."

The group tries to provide presentations

that appeal to both elementary and secondary education majors.

Another activity the group participates in is attending district teachers' meetings, where they are exposed to professionals from the field. They also attend various workshops and conferences.

In order to join S-MSTA, a student must be an education major, pay dues, and be willing to participate. Annual dues are \$6. This year students were asked if they wanted \$1 of their individual dues to go toward a scholarship fund. As a result, the group will award a \$75 scholarship to a member this year. There are plans to make the scholarship an annual award.

The group will meet at noon on Monday, April 17 in Room 113 of Taylor Hall to elect new officers, present the scholarship, and listen to a presentation on issues in education by Dr. Greg Smith.

## Art League to host ball on April 22

BY CHRISTOPHER A. CLARK  
MANAGING EDITOR

Costumes will abound as the Art League hosts its first annual Arts Ball.

The ball, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 29, will be an affair where members of the music, theatre, and departments will have the chance to display their favorite piece of artwork. John Fowler, coordinator of the event, calls it a "chance to bring together people and relations" between the departments.

All campus organizations, faculty, and people within the community interested in the fine arts have been invited to attend the ball. According to the request made by the Art League to the Student Senate for funding, the event will serve as a "project" for the two-week Fine Arts Festival projected for 1990.

The ball will be held in the third-floor balcony lounge with the art and theatre departments providing artwork, dance, costume judging, and live music. A door charge of \$3 will be charged.

Ballet and tap dancers also will provide entertainment. Tap dancers from a local dance school in Joplin will perform.

According to Fowler, the function will feature a "Southern Showcase," in which awards will be presented to outstanding works of art as part of the 1989 art competition. Fowler said invitations have been sent to many persons who are involved in art around the area as well as area instructors.

"We have got a real enthusiastic group in the Art League," Fowler said. "We're hoping that a lot of people will attend."

The band that will perform are the members or former members of the department.

"The group will perform rock 'n' roll (top-40) music," she said. "I think it should enjoy it."

Funding has been a concern of the group in its efforts to organize the ball. The Art League filed a request with the Student Senate for \$550. According to the request, \$250 is needed for printing costs and \$300 is needed for refreshments.

"We have asked for funds from the Student Senate for help," Fowler said. "I don't get the assistance from the Senate, we have volunteers who will provide the refreshments. We already have a lot of volunteers working to put this together."

"We want it to be a fun event for everyone involved."

## Upcoming Events

<b>Today</b>	<b>Workshop</b> for undecided majors noon Room 310 BSC	<b>LDSSA</b> noon Room 311 BSC	<b>Tickets on Sale</b> for Bon Jovi noon Ticket Office BSC	<b>Mr. '10' Competition</b> 7 p.m. Keystone
<b>Tomorrow</b>	<b>Special Olympics</b> 9 a.m. Hughes Stadium	<b>Oxford Meeting</b> 2 p.m. Room 306 BSC	<b>Baseball</b> vs School of the Ozarks 4 p.m. Becker Stadium	<b>Women's Tennis</b> Missouri Western Invitational St. Joseph, Mo TBA
<b>Weekend</b>	<b>Baseball</b> vs Missouri Western Double-header 1:30 p.m. Saturday Joe Becker Stadium	<b>Alumni Football Game</b> 2 p.m. Saturday Fred Hughes Stadium	<b>Sorority Spring Rush</b> 2 p.m. Sunday Connor Ballroom	<b>Sigma Pi Induction</b> 7 p.m. Sunday Basement of dormitory building B
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Student Senate Officer Petitions Available</b> Room 209 BSC	<b>Sigma Nu</b> 5 p.m. Room 311 BSC	<b>Grand Ole Opry</b> 8 p.m. Taylor Auditorium	<b>CAB Movie</b> 'Heavy Metal' 7 & 9:30 p.m. Barn Theatre
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>LDSSA</b> noon Room 311 BSC	<b>Newman Club</b> noon Room 314 BSC	<b>International Club</b> 2 p.m. Room 313 BSC	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Hypnotist</b> Jim Wand 11 a.m. Lions' Den	<b>Deadline</b> for Spring Fling Entry Forms 4 p.m. Room 102 BSC	<b>Student Senate</b> 5:30 p.m. Room 310 BSC	<b>Investment Meeting</b> 7 p.m. Room 311 BSC

## Amnesty International forms chapter at Missouri Southern

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Concerned with making a difference in today's society, Amnesty International is forming a chapter at Missouri Southern.

"Amnesty International works for the release of prisoners of conscience," said Mike Hoerman, a Southern freshman who is helping to form the organization. "It uses that goal through letter campaigns to governments all over the world. People across the world focus on certain prisoners and help to release them."

Amnesty International promotes the motto that everyone can make a difference and "if you just put out a little effort, people can accomplish anything."

With over 700,000 members in 150 countries, Amnesty International is a worldwide "movement of people working together to protect the human rights of

other people." The organization has over 600 chapters on college campuses around the nation and 1,400 total chapters in the United States.

Hoerman said Amnesty International has three main goals. They include:

- pushing for the release of prisoners of conscience—men, women, and children imprisoned for their beliefs, color, ethnic origin, language, or religion, provided they have neither used nor advocated violence;
- getting fair and prompt trials for political prisoners;
- finding an end to torture and executions in all cases.

The first meetings of Amnesty International are set for 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. both in Room 311 of Billingsly Student Center.

"We'd like to have as many people as we can get to show up," Hoerman said. "I would like to express that it is people helping out that is important."

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tions in each aspect of the process. Creative and innovative methods can be and are being developed to move away from perfunctory and mediocre performance. We need to experiment and share, keeping

options available. The assessment mandate should lead us to greater goal setting and prepare the way for a more effective agenda of ongoing assessment, intervention, and reassessment.

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formation about Dr. Vonnice Prentice stepping down as biology department head.

"I have no official information from Dr. Prentice relative to his plans for stepping down as department head," Malzahn said. "I would assume he would give us appropriate notice so we can conduct an adequate search."

In addition, rumors have circulated that Dr. Max Oldham, head of the physical education department, will step down from his position.

"That's just a rumor," said Dr. Ed Mer-

ryman, dean of the school of education and psychology. "I have no idea what that got started. He will be back next year."

In social science, Dr. Gail Renner said "it's quite possible" he will stay on as department head until his retirement at the end of the spring semester in 1990.

"I'll probably hang on for another year," said Renner, who was appointed head last year. "There are currently plans to get a new department head."



Competition gives artists exposure

BY KATY HURN  
ARTS EDITOR

Giving area artists an opportunity to display their works, the 39th annual Spiva Competition provides exposure for contemporary artists. The display will be in the Spiva Art Center through April 16.

Art for the competition was submitted in early February. Eligible artists were those who reside and do most of their work in Missouri and the states directly surrounding it. Marcia Goldenstein, associate professor of art at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and the juror for the competition, selected the works to be exhibited.

According to Val Christensen, director of the Spiva Art Center, works in various categories were submitted, including painting, sculpture, ceramics, graphics, and drawings.

There was a good mixture of mediums, subject matter, and technique," said Christensen. "That diversity is reflected in the works selected for the exhibition."

The objective of the exhibition is to provide exposure to contemporary artists in this area of the country and to provide gallery visitors with an opportunity to see what is going on in contemporary art," Christensen said.

A total of \$1,500 in cash awards were designated by the juror to winners in the competition. Though the cash awards have already been distributed, the recipients of the popular vote award and the purchase award have not been decided. Visitors at the gallery will decide which work is liked the most, and the recipient will be honored with his or her name on plaque.

United Missouri Bank in Joplin plans to purchase a work to be displayed there. "They'll be utilizing it in their facilities," said Christensen. "It's nice to have an element of the exhibit to remain in the community."

According to Christensen, a large number of institutions are dropping their competitions.

"There is a certain unique quality in Southern offering it," he said. "I think it plays a very important role to the artist and to the audience."

"Visitation with Victor's Kids," a mixed media design by Thomas Chaffee, a student from Arkansas State University, was named best of the show.

Pai Rowan, a student from Lincoln, Mo., received runner-up for his work in paint and wood, "Broken Promises."

Third place recipients were D. F. Bushman's "Homard a la American," (Champaign, Ill.), John D. Careggio's "The Inhabitable Garden," (Springfield, Mo.), and Angelina Warren's "Red Red," (Springfield, Mo.)

Area students will compete in music festival tomorrow

BY MARK R. MULIK  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Thirty-nine of the 40 high schools in the southwest district of Missouri will send students to the annual district music festival at Missouri Southern tomorrow and Saturday.

The festival, sponsored by the Missouri State High School Activities Association, has been held on Southern's campus for at least 20 years," said Pete Havelly, department head of fine arts and festival manager.

The state activities association divides the district into halves and has one-half host its festivals one weekend and the other half host its festivals the next weekend.

"Last weekend was one of them (the first half)," said Havelly. "This weekend is this one."

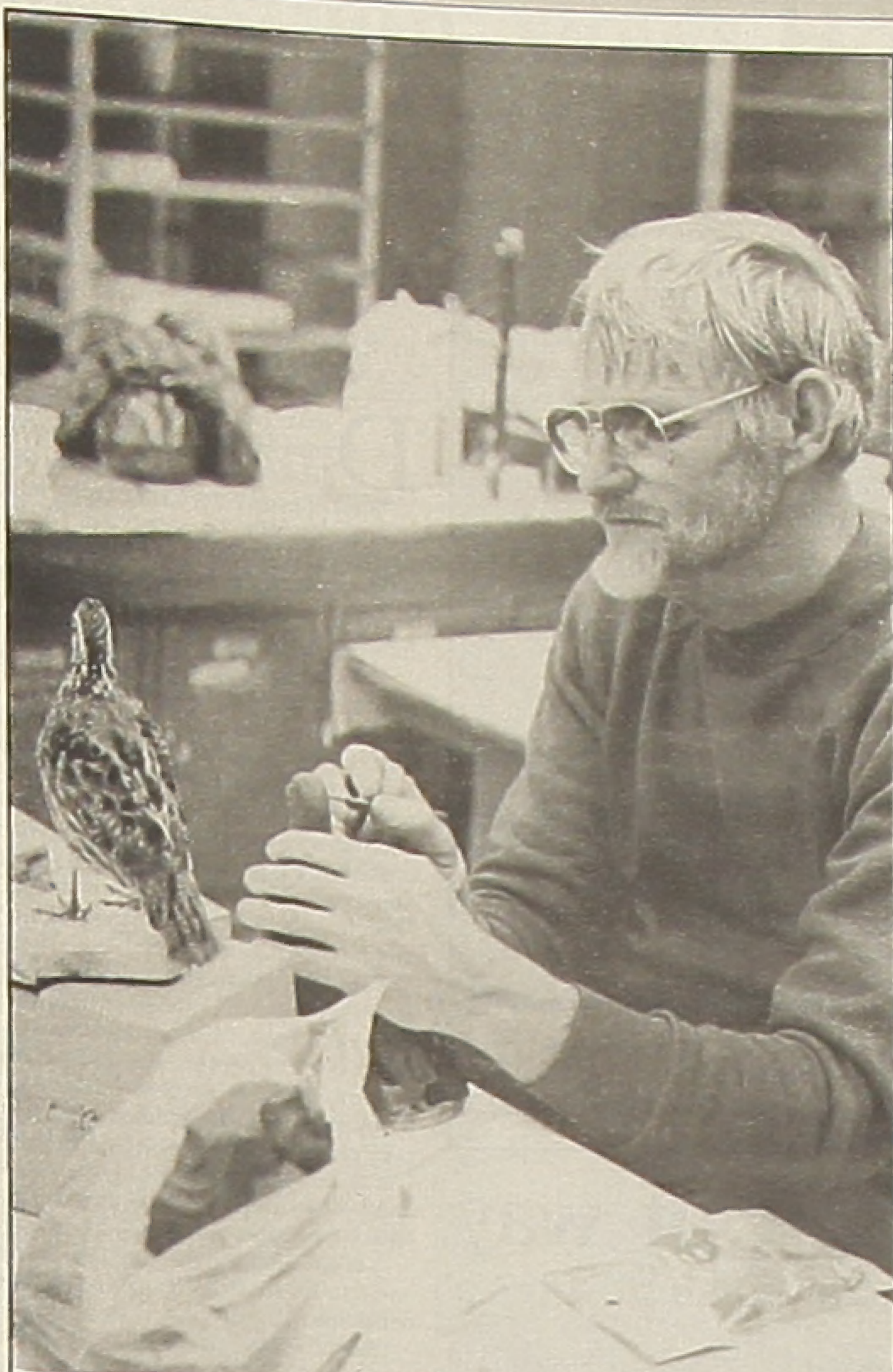
The festival is done in two main portions: instrumental and choral days.

"Instrumental day is definitely the largest, with bands, orchestras, solos, and ensembles," said Havelly.

Tomorrow will be the instrumental day of the festival at Southern. Classes in Hearnes Hall, the music building, Taylor Auditorium, and in the gymnasium will be canceled, as the some-2,500 high school students will occupy those facilities the entire day.

"They'll start at eight in the morning and run through seven at night, running roughly every 30 to 40 minutes," he said.

Saturday will be the choral day, and events of the day will not be as lengthy as those tomorrow. All of the choral ac-



STAFF PHOTO BY CARINE PETERSON

**Sculps piece** Senior art major John Gillett works in the first stage of his advanced sculpture class project. When completed, the piece will be coated in a bronze metal.

Music major performs with numerous groups

Sophomore's primary interest lies with voice

BY KATY HURN  
ARTS EDITOR

For Tammy Holden, a voice major at Missouri Southern, a childhood interest in music has led to greater things.

Holden, a sophomore from Springfield, started playing the piano when she was five, and took up the flute in third grade.

During her freshman year in high school she learned to play the saxophone for the jazz band. Holden says she has been singing all her life.

Although school activities played a part in encouraging her musically, Holden's initial interest stems from being around music most of her life.

Her grandmother was a classical pianist, while her father is the band director and coordinator of the music program at Parkview High School in Springfield.

"I've watched him since I was little," said Holden, "but he's never pushed me into any kind of music whatsoever. It's the only thing I know I can do well."

Receiving one ratings on voice and solo flute performances four successive years at state music festivals is one accomplishment that stands out in her mind. Another achievement Holden is particularly proud of is winning the John Phillip Sousa Award in her high school band at Kickapoo.

"That's the highest award you can get in [high school] band," she said.

Holden came to Southern after receiving a scholarship and is currently a member of the Concert Chorale, the Collegiates, and the Lion Pride Band. She prefers to play her flute during concert season in the band, and performs with the flag squad during marching season.

"I like the sound of the flute," she said,

"but you can't hear it in marching band. It's a concert band instrument."

Although her musical talents lie in several different areas, Holden's real interest is voice.

"I can express myself easier when I sing," she said. "I feel more comfortable singing."

In addition to being a member of the Concert Chorale, Holden is involved with a Christian vocal group known as *The Sweet Spirits*. The group makes its home in Springfield, but does some traveling and keeps a busy performance schedule.

"We go to churches around Springfield and the surrounding area," she said. "We're booked every single weekend until next November."

Two summers ago, *The Sweet Spirits* attended a Christian artist seminar in Estes Park, Colo. Holden and her brother, James, entered a vocal duet competition and placed fourth against more than 150 others in the same competition.

"Those were international competitions," she said. "We had people from all over the world in that competition."

Singing for radio commercials has also given Holden musical exposure. She has done commercials for radio stations in Dallas and Chicago—and locally a commercial for Wendy's.

Next year, Holden will attend the University of Missouri-Kansas City to study in the conservatory of music and continue her vocal education degree.

"I have a feeling I'll get more musically oriented up there," she said. "They're really concerned with music only at the conservatory."

Although in the future she would enjoy a performance career and take one if it came along, Holden believes she will teach voice at the high school level.

Principal's story is vividly portrayed in 'Lean On Me'

BY CHRISTOPHER A. CLARK  
MANAGING EDITOR

Rating: ★★★  
(out of ★★★★★)

The *Killing Fields* gave us a hint. *Platoon* gave fuel to our speculation. Now, *Lean On Me* is the clincher. Hollywood does have a conscience.

Moviegoers have seen a resurgence in the process of bringing headlines to the big screen. Arguably, *Lean On Me* could be the best the news has to offer. This movie hits you in the gut, and if Joe Clark thought you were acting up and not paying enough attention to him, he might just nail you with a left to the ribs to set you straight.

Movie Review

Morgan Freeman plays the part of Clark, the controversial principal/warden of Eastside High School in New Jersey. Clark's in-your-face discipline has drawn the ire of blame-it-on-the-environment sociologists while earning praise from old-school disciplinarians who believe Joe Clark is just the slap in the face mal-adjusted kids need. Pick your ideology here, for if you are not ready to cheer for Joe Clark, you'll be ready to kill him.

The premise of the movie seems simple enough. Before Clark's arrival at the school, only 33 percent of the students are passing the state's mandatory basic skills test. The school and its students have been drowning in drugs and violence for some time. Drastic times called for drastic measures and Clark is brought in to clean up. He does so with a bullhorn and a baseball bat, while wielding both with a

huge smile on his face. Do you take him seriously? You better believe it.

Freeman is so convincing in the role of Clark, that if he wasn't given a script, some would insist he was a Martin Luther King, Jr. incarnate. He rings down from the hilltops with a voice that dominates and inspires in the same breath. Freeman becomes Clark, a man who is both hated and loved, but always needed.

As in any true story brought to life by the movies, accuracy in the story's depiction becomes essential. *Lean On Me* triumphs here. The violence at the beginning of the movie is riveting, without becoming excessive. The viewer can get a feel for the task that lies ahead of Clark, and the idea that one man can perpetuate such a turnaround is almost chilling.

Freeman turns in a phenomenal performance here, as does Robert Guillaume

(Benson) and others. The only detractor from *Lean On Me* may be its fairy tale chain of events. In one scene, Clark seizes the opportunity to verbally baste a young crack addict whom he had just tossed out of school the day before. During the course of the movie, we are left with the impression that the kid has overcome his woes with drugs due to the tough love administered by Clark. It's a tough call, but a viewer's willing suspension of disbelief must prevail here.

*Lean On Me* is a story about self-support and the satisfaction it can bring. Some may call into question the tactics of Joe Clark, but if this movie can serve as a measuring stick of his effectiveness, Clark could be regarded as a brutal hero.

Coming Attractions

<b>Joplin</b>	<i>The Lover' &amp; The Collection'</i> Today thru Saturday Barn Theatre	<i>'Snoopy! The Musical'</i> April 21-23 Taylor Auditorium	<i>Bad Company &amp; Vixen</i> April 25 Memorial Hall Call 417-623-3254	<i>Petra w/ Josh McDowell</i> May 13 Memorial Hall
<b>Springfield</b>	<i>Thomas Hart Benton display</i> Today thru May 28 Spfld. Museum of Art Call 417-866-2716		<i>Fred Shane</i> May 7 thru June 4 Spfld. Museum of Art	<i>'Watercolor USA'</i> June 11-August 13 Spfld. Museum of Art
<b>Tulsa</b>	<i>'Something Afoot'</i> Tomorrow thru April 16 Tulsa Performing Arts Center Call 918-749-6666	<i>The Judds, Highway 101, &amp; Restless Heart</i> April 15 Mabee Center Call 918-495-6000		<i>Sandi Patti</i> May 15 Tulsa Convention Center Call 918-592-7177
<b>Kansas City</b>	<i>Ice Capades</i> April 4-9 Kemper Arena Call 816-756-3371	<i>'Snow White'</i> April 9 Folly Theatre Call 816-474-4444	<i>Lou Reed</i> April 10 Memorial Hall Call 913-371-7555	<i>Bon Jovi</i> April 13 Kemper Arena
	<i>Hank Williams Jr.</i> April 16 Kemper Arena	<i>Spring Jam '89</i> April 20 Kemper Arena	<i>David Copperfield</i> April 21 Midland Theatre Call 816-421-7500	<i>Tour of World Figure Skating Champions</i> June 18 Kemper Arena





STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

**Fights fire** A Joplin firefighter puts out a recent grass fire that broke out at 10th and Duquesne Road.

## Council gets land for right of way

*Tonjes says 160-acre industrial park expansion will attract industry to area*

BY JOHN FORD  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Expansion, change, and youth were items of discussion at Monday's Joplin City Council meeting.

Several emergency ordinances were approved by the Council. The ordinances concerned the expansion of 20th Street and were formulated to accept the purchase of tracts of land needed to obtain the right of way for the street expansion.

Cost of the parcels of land ranged from \$11,400 for property owned by the Joplin School District, to \$26,000 paid to the owners of two tracts of land at 1927 Byers and 2001 Connecticut Avenue. The school district's land is located north of Franklin Technical School.

"We have \$900,000 budgeted for the

purchase of the right of way for our current project," Harold McCoy, public works director, told *The Chart*. "Hopefully, the work by the high school will be done before classes start next fall."

Additional plans for the street include the eventual widening of the road to five lanes by 1992. The project will stretch from Duquesne Road to Shifferdecker.

In other Council action, Gary Tonjes, president of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, spoke before the Council regarding an expansion of the Joplin-Webb City Enterprise Zone. The industrial park will gain 160 acres of land near the Joplin Municipal Airport. The tract begins south of Highway 171 and extends east, including an area on the highway's north side to Madison Avenue in Webb City. Then, the tract extends east and includes

an area 200 feet south of Highway 71 to Webb City's Main Street.

"This is an important enterprise tool and will be extremely helpful to our efforts to attract business to the area," said Tonjes.

In other business, a zoning request was made by John Starrett, owner of a convenience store at Fourth and McKee Avenue. Starrett wanted to expand his store to include a strip mini-warehouse, a laundromat, or a car wash. The Council approved this request.

Additionally, April 2-8 was designated as "the week of the young child" by Donald Clark, Joplin mayor. In attendance at the session were several young people from various youth groups within the city.

## Stogey's stresses personalized service

BY MARK ROBERTSON  
CHART REPORTER

Dining at a small, family-owned restaurant can be a refreshing change from the big franchises, and such is the case with Stogey's Coney Island.

"Personalized service means a lot," said Ralph Waggoner, owner and proprietor of Stogey's. "It's good to be able to say 'Hi' to people and call them by their first name."

Stogey's Coney Island has been at 2629 E. Seventh Street since August 1986. It was previously a much smaller restaurant at the intersection of Seventh and High.

"This place is about twice as big as our last one," Waggoner said. "We weren't paying much for rent there, so I decided we could afford a larger building."

The idea for the restaurant came about initially as a sales medium for chili. Waggoner had worked for a number of years in selling chili wholesale and was looking

for a place to sell it retail.

The menu has been expanded to include a number of items, such as hamburgers, hot dogs, and salads, but Stogey's specialty is still chili.

"We cook our chili by the Wiser's chili recipe that's been around since 1954," he said. "We're still making it the same way today."

Stogey's represents a mixture of food styles both old and new, such as old-style fountain drinks, which are soon to be served alongside frozen yogurt.

One of the most eye-catching facets of Stogey's is the collection of old soft-drink signs and memorabilia displayed about the restaurant's interior.

"A few years ago I bought some old Coca-Cola signs almost by accident," Waggoner said. "Ever since then I've been buying every one I could find. It (collecting memorabilia) kind of gets in your blood."

Waggoner and his wife, Carole, were no strangers to the restaurant business

when they opened Stogey's. Both had worked for years at Gene's Dairy Jane on Main Street, owned by Carole's parents. That restaurant is still in operation.

Waggoner believes he owes much of his business success to "loyal, regular customers."

"There are some customers that come in at the same time every day and order the same thing," he said. "So we figure it must be good."

"There were kids that used to come down to our old place from Irving [Elementary School]. Now they're grown up and bring in kids of their own."

Most of Waggoner's employees are family members, and he is content to keep things the way they are.

"If I can keep giving personal service, have good-quality ingredients in the food I serve, and keep prices down where people can eat here everyday, then I'll be happy," he said. "I like the restaurant business, and I think I'll be in it for the duration."

## Fire officials get ready for spring's grass fire

*Despite rain, Guinn says burning is unsafe*

BY JOHN FORD  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Despite recent rains in the four-state area, Harry Guinn says burning debris is still an unsafe practice.

"A lot of people think that damp, rainy days are best for burning," said Guinn, Joplin fire chief. "But the air's moisture traps smoke from the burning trashpile and keeps it near the ground, where it gets into people's houses."

According to Guinn, spring is one of the most frequent times where fire from burning rubbish gets out of hand and causes a grass fire. Guinn said many grass fires are started by people throwing lit cigarettes from car windows.

"Normally, in the spring the landowner is clearing his property and getting some areas ready for spring planting," he said. "People also start their spring clean-up around this time of year."

Burning of rubbish is permissible within Joplin's city limits. However, citizens must first contact the fire department and obtain a burning permit, which allows the department to know where the trash will be burned, what time the burning will take place, and who will tend the fire. Guinn said many fires which get out of hand were started by those who did not obtain the proper permits. The burn permits are available to the public at no cost and can be obtained by calling the fire department.

"Most fires get out of hand because the person that built them either picked a windy day, or a day with dry conditions," Guinn said. "Some people build a small fire, and then don't tend it."

Spring is not the only season a fire can get out of hand. Because of people clearing brush and debris from their lawn and garden sites after the produce has been harvested, fall can be a particularly bad time for a grass fire as well.

"We have the same problem in the spring as we do in the fall," Guinn said. "After the grass gets its last growth and the gardens are harvested, people do some cleanup just like in the spring. And just like the spring, we have a lot of grass fires."

In addition to improper burning and stray, "hot" cigarettes, a train also can touch off a grass fire. According to Guinn, sparks thrown from the wheels of the train as it brakes or an unlubricated wheel bearing can set grass ablaze.

"Sometimes a train can develop a fire which is known as a 'hot box,' when a box which has not been greased becomes heated," Guinn said. "Trains start fires, and sometimes we can't drive enough through town to catch them."

Fire conditions are posted each day at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Classifications of conditions are "Burning Conditions," which means it is safe to practice controlled burning, and "Burning Conditions Two," which means conditions are not safe for rubbish burning to occur.

"To derive the burn conditions, we contact the Joplin airport and get the weather for the day," Guinn said.

For safe burning of yard wastes, the department first must be contacted. Then, the fire must be tended, with a person attending the fire having a garden hose which is hooked up to a faucet.

"Self-prevention is an excellent fighting tool," Guinn said. "Cleaning the property, having the property maintained in an orderly manner, prevents fires."

According to Guinn, grass fires rarely do not claim many lives, but can cause a lot of damage to the landowner, as well as tracts of land which surround the property.

"If you start a fire, and it goes out of control and damages another person's property, you will be responsible for damage done to their property," he said.

Guinn also discussed fire safety at home. He said major causes of house fires were overloaded electrical circuits, furnaces, clogged filters in the furnace, and cooking.

"I have been at some fire scenes where there will be a half-dozen extensions plugged into one electrical outlet," Guinn said. "These cords are run under carpets and throw rugs. They can become overheated by people walking over them daily, overheat, setting the rugs on fire. Another cause is faulty wiring in the furnace. The furnace may be dirty. People need to be aware of the wiring's density, the diameter of the electrical wire, and it up to city code. In the kitchen, grease from cooking can catch on fire. The thing to do, if you can't cover the fire, is to throw baking soda on the fire, not that is the main ingredient of fire extinguishers. Don't throw salt or flour on the fire, since they will explode."



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**Restaurant decor** Coca-Cola memorabilia items are part of the decor at Stogey's Coney Island at 2629 E. Seventh Street.

## City forms cruising committee to handle Main Street complaints

BY JOHN FORD  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

In response to numerous complaints by Main Street business owners and residents, a "cruising committee" has formed in Joplin.

The committee met Tuesday night to discuss the problems with, solutions to, and reasons for teenage cruising. Many residents were in attendance, mainly to discuss the problems with cruising.

According to one committee member, alcohol, drugs, and prostitution rule on the four-lane strip of road. However, most business owners and residents complain about two things: litter and loitering.

Current loitering laws say business owners must have their property properly posted before loiterers can be removed. Frequent loitering spots include Thriftway IGA, 2502 Main; Hardee's Restaurant, 1810 Main; and E-Z Car Wash, 2202 Main.

Ray Alburty, owner of the car wash, complained about the lack of adequate

security needed to keep the loiterers away from his lot. Alburty said he had to close the business early one night due to cruising teenagers.

"We've been dealing with the cruising problem for the last 20 years," he said.

"The only real successful answer we have had to the problem was when the police wrote tickets for loitering. I made four calls to the police department recently, and they did nothing. I feel like we are being left out in the cold. They have made some diluted efforts within the last two years, but last week's traffic was the worst I had seen in years. The teens were totally out of control. A police car sitting at the curb with its lights on did help."

Alburty said he had nothing against young people who cruised Main Street as long as the teenagers "behaved themselves and showed some respect for the property of people who live on south Main."

"There's that grocery store on 26th and Main (IGA), and there were 10 cars with teens in them parked on the lot. You and I both know they weren't there to buy

groceries. But it is kind of hard for the police department to know whether the kids are loitering or not. Well, what if one was actually buying food, and we accused him of cruising? But we need some answers to the cruising problem."

Tom Dilworth, a property owner on Main, wanted to know why the police did nothing about teens parked on a business lot after the business had closed for the night.

"The loitering problem has been helped since we've posted signs on Main," he said. "But I want to know why the kids can park on business lots after 10 p.m. The Butcher's Block and Arby's both close at 10 p.m., so there is no reason for people to be on those lots afterward."

Dilworth said he made three telephone calls to the police department last week regarding cars parked in his alley after 10 p.m., but to no avail.

"You might as well give them (the cruisers) a free ticket," he said. "The traffic last week was worse than ever. People yelling, screaming, carrying on. I think

we're being short changed."

Also attending the session was John Meyers, a representative of Hardee's, who posed questions to Police Chief Mike Wightman and Traffic Sergeant Steve Rogers. Meyers wanted to know why he could not get any charges pressed on loiterers, since he had his property posted in accordance to the cruising ordinance.

In response to Meyers' complaints, Rogers said the main problem was the lack of obtaining prosecution on the charge of loitering.

"The prosecuting attorney, Daryl Edwards, will not prosecute on the grounds that the sign is posted too high on the post," said Rogers.

Meyers said if he lowered the sign, cruisers would steal or deface it. Six different signs have been posted on the lot, and, according to Meyers, are invalid within a year. Additionally, he said the judge throws most of the loitering violations out of court because of the invalid signs. Meyers said he obtained the information on the signs from members of the

Joplin Police Department.

"I talked with three different police men," he said. "Half the time, the police throws out the cases because of the sign. We need to have something done, something like a grand jury investigation of the police department."

Rogers and Wightman assured Meyers that the signs he currently had on his lot were correct.

According to Chris Sobosky, a high school junior on the committee, cruising is the only thing for teenagers to do in Joplin. Additionally, Sobosky said most of the teenagers who cruise are from out of town.

"We need something to do that is constructive," said Sobosky. "Most of the cruisers are drinking, and they are under 21. That is the biggest problem."

The committee will meet again at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Municipal Building to discuss possible solutions to the problem.



# Controlled legislation' slows House, legislator says

Representatives desire  
more communication

CHRISTOPHER A. CLARK  
MANAGING EDITOR

This session of the Missouri House has seen lawmakers moving at a snail's pace, due in part to a lack of communication by Gov. John Ashcroft, says a lawmaker.

Pro-tem Patrick Hickey (D-Union) said this session, his 14th, has been a very productive one. "Things have been extraordinarily busy this session," said Hickey. "The problem with controlled legislation is not one I am in favor of."

House Speaker Bob Griffin (D-Camden) has the power to tell each chairman

in the House how many bills the chairman can produce. Hickey said this "controlled legislation" has slowed down the House. Hickey, who has served under seven governors, says Ashcroft may be the one with the least amount of leadership.

"We need direction," he said. "We don't get that with Mr. Ashcroft. He is nothing more than a claim agent. When something is accomplished, whether it be in the House or Senate, he is there to claim it. He does nothing."

"He prays well. I guess he's good at that."

Hickey, who was elected to the House in 1958, cites House apathy coupled with an inability to pinpoint the governor on the issues as reasons for limited movement by the House.

"Frankly, no one gives a damn," Hickey said. "I just think that the representatives

are afraid to take a side on legislation because they don't know where the governor is or where he stands. He was real definitive in his campaign. But that's always another story."

"He's a very religious man. If he's so religious, he ought to pay attention to the Seventh Commandment," which recommends against bearing false witness.

Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin), agrees with Hickey that the House has moved extremely slow.

"It's been slow sledding in this session," Surface said. "There hasn't been much movement."

Some legislation introduced during the session has concerned obscene bumper stickers, car inspections, and the prohibition of minors purchasing violent or pornographic videos. With the possible exception of the video bill, Surface said most

bills have not seen any movement.

According to Surface, the violent video bill has passed through the House, but he does not see it going much further.

"The question is how we define violence," Surface said. "Is *Rocky IV* violent? One may consider *Rocky IV* violent but may not consider *Nightmare on Elm Street* violent. It's a tough question."

"It really sounds nice, but to use a Stephen King cliché, you can put that bill in the dead zone."

A concern of Surface's involves a lack of consultation on the part of Ashcroft regarding appointments made by the governor in the representatives' respective districts.

"You always wish you could have more communication with the governor," said Surface, who was elected to the House in 1984. "The representatives are not always

contacted as much as possible about appointments in our districts. I think more communication is needed."

Rep. Mark Elliott (R-Webb City) agrees with Surface and Hickey on the lack of movement by the House, but takes a different stance on its effects.

"I think it's good for the taxpayers," he said. "Sometimes we get on the perfection calendar where amendments and changes are made. They really try to move fast and run through the calendar. But you don't measure performance by the amount of bills that are passed."

"It isn't about how fast you do the job, but how well you do the job."

Elliott believes the more a bill is discussed, the more the citizens will benefit.

"It means you get into the nuts and bolts of the bill and a better job on it."

## DePasco's bill could aid Kansas City-area projects

STEPHEN MOORE  
BUSINESS MANAGER

After returning from its spring break, the Missouri House perfected a bill that would provide a method of obtaining matching funds for economic development in any of the seven class counties in Missouri.

The bill, according to Rep. Ronnie DePasco (D-Kansas City), "forms a partnership between local governments and state agencies for economical development projects."

"Any first-class county can start a fund," DePasco said. "They can come up with \$2 million and put it in the fund, and the state will match the \$2 million."

"After they do that," DePasco said, "the counties come to the legislature to the appropriations committee to explain what they need this money for. They can build a convention center, a trade center, a sports arena, a sports complex, or whatever. The bill would generate sales tax dollars."

The appropriations committee would decide whether to grant the funds on the basis of a greater sales tax earning potential of the area should the money be

granted.

According to DePasco, the bill was designed with several Kansas City-area projects in mind.

"We are thinking about the American Royale building, we are thinking about Bartle Hall, and we are thinking about picking up the maintenance and the repair of the Royals' and Chiefs' stadiums so we will not have to charge them rent."

Although DePasco said these projects are in mind for the bill, he said nothing is definite.

"If we implement this legislation, it might be years before it is even used," he said. "It depends on what kind of plans the counties come up with. We are not going to appropriate matching funds unless the county can show how this money can be made back in sales tax receipts."

According to DePasco, the bill was perfected Tuesday and will now be given to the budget committee. If approved, the bill will return to the House floor for a third reading. If passed, it will continue on to the Senate. After this process, DePasco said the bill will probably pass in a much different form than when it was introduced.



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### Mansion tour

(Above) Visitors await the start of a 1:30 p.m. tour Wednesday at the Governor's Mansion. (Below left) A tour guide describes a portrait of a first lady in the living room of the mansion.



## Lawmaker says Mansion needs more public tours

Backer says her motives are not politically related

BY CHRISTOPHER A. CLARK  
MANAGING EDITOR

The frequency of tours of the Governor's Mansion in Jefferson City could increase if a resolution by a legislator is taken seriously.

Rep. Gracia Backer (D-New Bloomfield) introduced a concurrent resolution that asks for expansion of tours of the mansion. While the Missouri House passed the resolution, it is non-binding and has no mandate intentions.

Since introducing the resolution, Backer has felt pressure from her colleagues as well as the media who have called the move a "politically motivated action." Backer has responded, saying her motives have no political background and that she is trying to serve her constituents. She also counters by her claims of bi-partisan support for her resolution.

Backer has complained that state media organizations have branded her resolution a "political move" due to her participation in the failed 1988 gubernatorial candidacy of Betty Hearnes.

"This is my resolution; this is of my doing," Backer said. "This is in no way a political move. I can get publicity a number of different ways."

"We (Missouri) tout tourism as the number two or possibly the number one industry in this state," Backer said. "To close down the Governor's Mansion during the entire month of August is ridiculous."

The initial resolution called for tours Monday through Friday, but that was only to give the House "something to begin with; something to work with."

Currently, the mansion is open for tours on Tuesday 10 a.m. to noon and then again from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tours are given on Wednesday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. The resolution offered by Backer would allow tours at the same hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. One legislator opposing the measure was Rep. Bill Marshall (R-Greenfield).

"I feel that to pursue this any further is purely political," he said.

Backer said she has received support from many persons, including tourists

who have stopped by her office to thank her for the resolution. She has received complaints from tourists complaining that they had been unable to tour the mansion because of its restrictive times.

"I don't like this route, but I have no other choice," she said. "We have a problem getting into the mansion. It's a mansion for the people of Missouri, and those people are applauding my efforts."

"Some have come in and said, 'I just want to thank you for your efforts.'"

Backer said she knows of "several instances" where conventions come into Jefferson City and spouses of participants attempt to tour the mansion but are unsuccessful because of the current time scheme.

Officials in the governor's office have expressed irritation that "the subject could have even been approached."

According to Yolanda Murphy, spokeswoman for Janet Ashcroft, tour hours are limited "because it is open for so many other functions" such as luncheons and dinners during the week.

Other lawmakers also have raised concerns over privacy and safety at the mansion.

"I am in no way trying to invade the privacy of the first family," said Backer, who was elected to the House in 1982. "I don't want to go after the first family. I am a public figure. I know what it is like to be in a fishbowl. The tours are limited to the first floor, and the living quarters are on the upper floors. We are not invading anyone's privacy."

Backer said the resolution is worded "very respectfully" to the governor, but noted that the concurrent resolution is a "strong statement" about the problem.

"I wouldn't even think of this as becoming any kind of mandatory statute," she said. "But I think this sends a strong message."

Backer said she has received no cooperation from the mansion or the governor's office about the resolution.

"No one has contacted me or has been willing to sit down with me and try to work things out. Their attitude has been, 'If you want to fight, we'll fight.'"

## Second-year college ready to purchase land

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Experiencing a 46 percent enrollment increase in just one year, St. Charles County Community College is preparing to move onto its own, permanent campus.

Opened in August 1987, the college is presently sharing facilities with St. Mary's College of O'Fallon. By 1991, St. Charles administrators hope to have their own campus.

"We have an option to purchase land on the campus and have set a goal of having a campus by the fall of 1991," said Dr. Donald Shook, college president.

Shook said the junior college will benefit from a \$24 million bond issue passed in November. The bond issue enables the college to purchase needed land, buildings, and equipment. Shook estimates the six buildings planned for the campus to cost \$10 million.

According to Shook, the college's need for a new campus has become more crucial. With an original enrollment of 1,547 students, SCCCC has a current headcount of 2,444. Last fall, the college had 2,249 students. By the time St. Charles relocates to its new campus, Shook expects 4,000 students to attend the school. By the year 2000, he looks for an enrollment of 6,000.

"We have found that many people in the area have started to college because this college is readily available to them," Shook said. "We have not seen significant drops in enrollment at other area colleges."

The faculty has expanded as well. St. Charles uses 45 full-time faculty members and 80 part-time instructors.

"We want to continue to add faculty whenever we can," Shook said. "We have found that we have an abundance of good, quality instructors in the St. Louis area who are able to teach on a part-time basis."

Shook, who is credited with starting

Crowder College in Neosho in 1964 and East Central College in Union in 1968, said his work at St. Charles has been similar to his previous work in many ways.

"The same steps and the same planning stages are very much a part of it," he said.

"The only difference is that everything is on a much larger scale in St. Charles County. The population of this area is just higher."

While his original plan to emphasize electronics, business, and data processing remains intact, Shook said there has been little interest on the part of the students in starting an athletic program. He said there will not be an athletic program before SCCCC moves to its new location.

"There have been no major disappointments in starting this college," Shook said. "Everything appears to be right on schedule. The challenge of gaining additional financial funding has been even greater than I anticipated."



